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EXPERTS' GROUP ON MILITARY BUDGETS, GENEVA, AUGUST 8-19,
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1. REFTELS SET FORTH OVERALL U.S. POLICY TOWARD THE

PROPOSED STANDARD INTERNATIONAL REPORTING INSTRUMENT FOR MILITARY EXPENDITURES. THE GENERAL OBJECTIVE OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE 1977 GROUP OF BUDGETARY EXPERTS IS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT UN MEMBER STATES CAN REPORT NATIONAL MILITARY EXPENDITURES IN A MANNER WELL SUITED TO ACCURATE INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON, AND WHICH COULD ULTIMATELY CONTRIBUTE TO ARMS CONTROL MEASURES.

2. THE PARTICULAR GOALS OF THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVES AT THE AUGUST MEETING SHOULD BE TO SUSTAIN AND ENHANCE THE PRESENT DIRECTION OF THE EXERCISE AND LAY A SUITABLE BASIS FOR A FORMAL FIELD TEST OF THE REPORTING INSTRUMENT. TO THAT END, U.S. REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD, IN CONSULTATION WITH ALLIES AND KEY NEUTRAL/NON-ALIGNED STATES, WORK TOWARD A

REPORT RECOMMENDING A FORMAL FIELD TRIAL OF THE INSTRUMENT. U.S. PARTICIPANTS SHOULD INDICATE USG WILLINGNESS TO SUPPLY U.S. BUDGETARY DATA IN THE PRESCRIBED FORMAT FOR THE FIELD TRIAL. U.S. REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD NOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF BROAD PARTICIPATION BY COUNTRIES WITH DIVERSE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS (E.G., CAPITALIST, SOCIALIST, DEVELOPING). U.S. REPS MAY ACCEPT GENERAL FORMULATIONS WHICH DO NOT EXPLICITLY REQUIRE DIVERSE PARTICIPATION BUT SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO NON-OECD PARTICIPATION IN A FIELD TRIAL.

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3. WITH RESPECT TO LIKELY EFFORTS TO INSERT LANGUAGE RELATED TO A DISARMAMENT SAVINGS/DEVELOPMENT AID LINK U.S. REPS SHOULD NOTE THAT SUCH QUESTIONS ARE NOT WITHIN THE CURRENT MANDATE OF THE GROUP AND ARE BETTER ADDRESSED AT APPROPRIATE POLITICAL FORA. NEVERTHELESS U.S. REPS MAY ACCEPT FORMULATIONS WHICH PLACE THE PRESENT EXPERTS' GROUP IN THE CONTEXT OF UN EFFORTS TO PROMOTE BOTH ARMS CONTROL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND RECOGNIZE THAT ARMS CONTROL CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF NATIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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